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**Period for Reply**

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**Status**

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 February 2002.
- 2a) This action is FINAL.                    2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) Claim(s) 1-25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-25 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.  
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120**

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
 a) All    b) Some \* c) None of:  
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application) since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.  
 a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 14) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121 since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                    4) Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_.  
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                    5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)  
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) \_\_\_\_\_.                    6) Other:

## DETAILED ACTION

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by **Estes et al. (US 2003/0114836)**.

Claims 1-25 are so broad as to read in **Estes**, who discloses a medication delivery system and monitor comprising:

With respect to claims 1-7, **Estes** discloses,

- a method of programming an ambulatory infusion pump from a computer, the ambulatory infusion pump programmed to execute a delivery program, the delivery program being driven by operating parameters (Fig. 1-2), the method comprising: generating a table on the computer, the table containing a row, the row having a plurality of cells, each cell in the row relating to a different operating parameter for the delivery program (Fig. 3A, element 300; Fig. 5, Alarm/Event Marker Table); entering an operating parameter into at least one of the cells

(0040, lines 1-3 and 8-10); and downloading the operating parameters into the pump (0035, lines 1-7);

- the table includes a plurality of rows, each row relating to a different set of operating parameters, each set of operating parameters defining a different delivery schedule for the pump (Fig. 5, Alarm/Event Marker Table);
- at least one cell within each row is configured for a unique identifying name, wherein the unique identifying name identifies the operating parameters in the same row of as the unique identifying name (Fig. 5, i.e., Susp. On at 12:57 AM);
- the pump has memory and runs a delivery program and downloading the operating parameters includes downloading the operating parameters into the pump includes downloading the operating parameters into the memory (0035, lines 1-7; Fig. 1, element 106; Fig. 2, element 132, 100);
- the pump is programmed to run a delivery program, the method further comprising running the delivery program, thereby executing the operating parameters (Fig. 6);
- the pump has memory and is programmed to run a delivery program, the method further comprising: downloading all rows of operating parameters to the infusion pump; and storing the operating parameters in the memory (0035, lines 1-7; Fig. 1-2, elements 106, 132; Fig. 3A, element 300);
- 7. The method of claim 6 further comprising: selecting one unique identifying name (Fig. 6, i.e., BOLUS, SUSPEND, or BASAL); and running the delivery

program wherein the delivery program executes the operating parameters identified by the selected unique identifying name (Fig. 6, i.e., SUSPEND).

As for claim 8, **Estes** discloses

- a method of operating a pump, the pump having a memory and a pump mechanism, the method comprising: receiving from a computer, a plurality of data sets, each data set containing a plurality of operating parameters (Fig. 3A, element 300; Fig. 2, elements 100,132; 0035, lines 1-7); storing the plurality of data sets in memory (Fig. 1, element 106); selecting one of the plurality of data sets (fig. 6, SUSPEND, BOLUS, BASAL); and running a delivery program wherein the delivery program executes the operating parameters in the selected one of the plurality of data sets, the operating parameters defining a delivery schedule for controlling the pump mechanism (Fig. 6, BOLUS DELIVERY).

With respect to claims 9-11, **Estes** discloses,

- an apparatus for programming an infusion pump, the pump programmed to execute a delivery program, the delivery program programmed to process operating parameters, the operating parameters defining operating of the pump (Fig. 6), the apparatus comprising: a data port; a data entry device (Fig. 2, elements 132, 130); and a processor in data communication with the data port and the data entry device (Fig. 1, element 102), the processor programmed to (a) generate a table, the table containing a row, the row having a plurality of cells, each cell in the row relating to a different operating parameter for the delivery program (Fig. 3A, element 300; Fig. 5, Alarm/Event Marker Table); (b) receive

data from the data entry device and display the data in one or more of the cells (Fig. 1, elements 108, 114); and (c) download the operating parameters displayed in the cells to the infusion pump (Fig. 5, i.e., Susp. On 2:00 pm);

- the processor is further programmed to generate a plurality of rows in the table, each row relating to a different set of operating parameters, each set of operating parameters defining a different delivery schedule for the pump (Fig. 5, Alarm/Event Marker Table);
- each row in the table includes at least one cell configured to receive a unique identifying name, wherein the unique identifying name identifies the operating parameters in the same row as the unique identifying name (Fig. 5, i.e., Susp. On at 12:57 AM).

As for claims 12-18, **Estes** discloses,

- a method of operating an infusion pump for delivering a therapeutic agent into the body of a user, the infusion pump being programmable and including memory, the infusion pump being programmed to run a delivery program, the delivery program controlling the infusion pump to deliver the therapeutic agent according to a delivery schedule (Figs. 1-2, 5 and 6), the method comprising: storing a data set in the memory, the data set including a set of operating parameters defining a delivery schedule, at least one of the operating parameters being a uniquely identifying name (Fig. 1, element 106, Fig. 6, BOLUS, SUSPEND, BASAL); selecting the uniquely identifying name thereby assigning

the set of operating parameters identified by the uniquely identifying name to the delivery program (0072, lines 1-9 and lines 15-22); and running the delivery program, the delivery program executing the set of operating, parameters thereby controlling the infusion pump to deliver the therapeutic agent according to the delivery schedule defined by the set of operating parameters (0073, lines 1-8; 0072, lines 1-9);

- downloading the data set to the pump from a computer (Fig. 2, elements 132, 100);
- storing, a data set in the memory, includes storing two or more data sets in the memory, each data set including a set of operating parameters defining a delivery schedule (Fig. 3A, element 300; Fig. 6);
- generating a menu, the menu including at least one menu item corresponding to one of the unique identifying names; and wherein selecting the unique identifying name includes selecting the menu item (Fig. 6, MAIN MENU).
- storing a data set in the memory includes storing a plurality of data sets in memory, each data set including a set of operating parameters defining a separate delivery schedule (0074, lines 8-17);
- generating a menu includes generating a menu having at least one menu item corresponding to a unique identifying name from one data set and at least one menu item corresponding to a unique identifying, name from another data set (Fig. 6);

- switching execution of the delivery program from the set of operating parameters in one data set to the set of operating parameters in another data set (0074, lines 1-17).

As for claims 19-25, **Estes** discloses,

- an infusion pump comprising: a pump mechanism (Fig. 2, element 100); memory storing a data set (Fig. 1, element 106), the data set including a set of operating parameters defining a delivery schedule (Fig. 6, Bolus Delivery), at least one of the operating parameters being a uniquely identifying name (Fig. 6, BOLUS, SUSPEND, BASAL); and a processor arranged to control the pump mechanism and in data communication with the memory (Fig. 1, elements 102, 106, 124), the processor being programmed to assign the set of operating parameters to the delivery program upon selection of the uniquely identifying name and to execute the set of operating parameters thereby controlling the pump mechanism to deliver the therapeutic agent according to the delivery schedule (Fig. 6, i.e., BOLUS, SUSPEND, BASAL: 0065, lines 1-20, 0074, lines 8-17);
- a data port, the processor being further arranged to control downloading of the data set and storage of the data set into tile memory (Fig. 2, elements 132, 130, 100);
- the memory stores two or more data sets ill the memory, each data set including a set of operating parameters defining a delivery schedule (Fig. 3A, element 300; Fig. 6);

- the processor is further programmed to generate a menu, the menu including at least one menu item corresponding to one of the unique identifying names, wherein selecting the menu item is at least one step in beginning execution of the delivery program (Fig. 6, MAIN MENU);
- the memory stores two or more data sets, each data set including a set of operating parameters defining a separate delivery schedule (0074, lines 8-17);
- the processor is further programmed to generate a menu, the menu including at least one menu item corresponding to a unique identifying, name from one data set and at least one unique identifying name from another data set (Fig. 6);
- the processor is further programmed to switch execution of the delivery program from the set of operating parameters in one data set to the set of operating parameters in another data set (0074, lines 1-17).

### ***Conclusion***

2. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

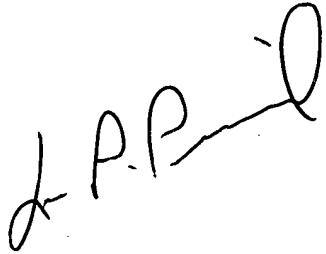
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